GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SUICIDE ATTACK ON INDIAN MISSION IN KABUL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has expressed concern over Pakistan's involvement in the suicide attack on Indian Mission in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the issue with the Government of Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes.

(b) The attack on our Embassy is viewed with grave concern by Government as a dastardly terrorist attack perpetuated by the enemies of peace in Afghanistan and our region.The involvement of elements in Pakistan in the attack has been repeatedly conveyed to the Government of Pakistan including in:

(i) Foreign Secretary level talks in New Delhi on 21 July 2008 to launch the V Round of Composite Dialogue.

(ii) Meeting between External Affairs Minister and Pakistan Foreign Minister in Colombo on 31st July 2008 on the sidelines of SAARC Summit.

(iii) Meeting between Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Pakistan Prime Minister in Colombo on 2nd August 2008 on the sidelines of SAARC Summit.

(iv) Meeting between Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and President of Pakistan on the sidelines of UNGA meeting in New York on 24th September 2008.

(v) Special Session of the Joint Anti Terrorism Mechanism meeting in New Delhi held on 24 October 2008

(c) & (d) During their meeting in Colombo on 2nd August 2008 the Prime Minister of Pakistan had conveyed to the Prime Minister that he would conduct an independent investigation.During the Special Session of the Joint Anti Terrorism Mechanism held on 24th October 2008, information on the bombing of the Indian Embassy in Kabul was given. Action by Pakistan is still awaited.